During the year 2002-2003, a sum of Rs. 780.36 lakhs has been sanctioned for development of Southern Circuit in Kerala. The State Government has been requested to offer their comments on the project of Travancore Devasom Board.

Aerospace Museum in Bangalore

4143. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) which are the new galleries added to the Visveswariah Industrial and Technological Museum, Bangalore since 2000 till date;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has opened an Aerospace Museum in Bangalore; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to exhibit the models/pictures etc., of Aerospace Museum at VITM by taking up the matter with the HAL authorities to facilitate visitors to see the developments in Aerospace at one place?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) A gallery titled "Space Emerging Technology in the Service of Mankind" with a floor area of 7000sq. metres was opened in Visveswariah Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM) on 19th June 1999. One Dinosaur corner was opened on 15th December 2001 and a "Bio-Technological Revolution" gallery with a covered area of 500 sq. metres was added to the Museum on 4th January 2003.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) VITM already has one gallery titled "Space Emerging Technology in the Service of Mankind" which was opened in June 1999. The gallery depicts Indian achievements in space technology and some basic principles of aviation. Due to space constraints, it will not be possible for VITM to display more exhibits and models.

Financial assistance to voluntary organisations in Gujarat

4144. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provide financial assistance to voluntary organisations engaged in preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such organisations functioning in Gujarat at present; and

(d) what has been the performance of these organisations in the State so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a Scheme entitled "Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture". The details of the Scheme are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(c) and (d) Financial assistance under the Scheme was not given to any organisation in the State of Gujarat during the last two financial years (2001-2002 and 2002-2003).

Statement

Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal Folk Art in Culture

The scheme below is intended to give a thrust to the promotion and dissemination of folk and tribal arts and culture:

Scheme : Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture.

Objective : The Scheme will address itself mainly to the well-identified and urgent need for the preservation, promotion and dissemination of tribal and rural art and culture. Its objective will be :

(a) To provide the tribals with opportunities to conduct their cultural activities in their environment and to collect and preserve their arts and crafts in their milieu so as to ensure the continuity to the tradition of the Tribal Arts and Crafts.

(b) To promote and support documentation research and survey.

(c) To assist the educational authorities of the State Government concerned, in identifying projects which will help to integrate the educational system in Tribal areas with the cultural tradition of the tribal and rural communities.

(d) To disseminate the awareness of the richness of tribal/rural culture, particularly amongst urban educated people.

(e) To Promote the preservation and development of tribal arts and crafts and other facets of tribal culture by all other means.

Applicable to : Voluntary Organisations/Individuals engaged in the preservation and promotion of tribal/folk art and culture.

Financial Assistance : The maximum grant envisaged under the scheme is Rs. 2 lakh per project. The grants are sanctioned on the recommendations of an Expert Committee specifically constituted for the purpose.

Unutilized Funds for the Pilgrimage Centres of U. P.

4145. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise quantum of Central Fund released to Uttar Pradesh for the development of pilgrimage centres during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether Central grant was on the basis of matching contribution by the State Government or otherwise;

(c) the quantum of Central Fund, which remained unutilised and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the proposed allocation for the purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) The year-wise quantum of funds sanctioned and released to Uttar Pradesh for tourism projects including pilgrimage centres are as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1997-98	13	213.20	113.22
1998-99	35	789.70	533.72
1999-00	33	749.60	322.38
2000-01	18	423.70	174.73
2001-02	5	55.74	44.87